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GOV. EASLEY APPOINTS FREEMAN AND WALZ TO HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has appointed **Linda Wright Freeman** of Ahoskie and **Richard E. Walz** of Raleigh to the North Carolina Human Relations Commission.

Freeman is a social worker at Hertford County Department of Social Services in Winton. She received a Bachelor's degree in business administration and management from Shaw University.

Walz is the president of R. Walz and Associates Inc. He serves as president of the North Carolina chapter of the National Association of Human Rights Workers and is a board member of the Triangle Lost Generation Task Force. Walz received a Bachelor's degree in political science from UNC at Chapel Hill.

The commission advocates, enforces and promotes equality of opportunity in the areas of housing, fair employment practices, public accommodations, education, justice and governmental services. The commission has 22 members, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 18 members. The Senate President Pro Tempore and the Speaker of the House each appoint two members.

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